(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b) The problems encountered in the supply of spares from Russia had been taken up at the highest levels with the Russian authorities. Arrangements have been made to ensure normalcy in supplies.

Advanced warning Aircraft and Control System

4263. DR. SANJAYA SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to acquire an advanced warning Aircraft and Control System for the I. A. F.;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (c) The Government have no proposal to acquire an Advanced Warning Aircraft and Control System for the IAF.

Role of MOD in Formulation of Policies of CSD

4264. SHRI S. AUSTIN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the role of Ministry of Defence in the formulation of policies in Canteen Stores Department;

(b) whether Ministry is represented on the Board of Management of Canteen Stores Department;

(c) how often does this board or body meet;

(d) whether at any time the representatives of the Ministry have raised with the CSD the role of functioning of small scale sector in CSD; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (e) Ministry of Defence is responsible for formulation of major policies in respect of the functioning of the Canteen Stores Department (CSD). This responsibility is exercised through the Board of Control of Canteen Services (BOCCS) chaired by Raksha Mantri/Raksha Rajya Mantri and represented by senior officials of the Ministry of Defence and the Service HQrs as Members, and through the Executive Committee (EC) of the Board of Control which is represented by the senior officials of the Ministry of Defence and Army HQrs. The BOCCS meets once in a year and the EC meets periodically as and when required.

The BOCCS and the EC discuss various issues relating to the CSD from time to time take appropriate decisions and issue suitable directions. As regards supplies to the CSD from the small scale sector, the policy is that as the CSD is required to cater to the demands of its entitled customers, only those items are to be purchased which are demanded by the customers, and in making its purchases no preference is given to any firm whether in the small or the large scale sector.

Profit shown by Canteen Stores Department

4265. SHRI S. AUSTIN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the profit shown by Canteen Stores Deptt. in 1991-92, 1992-93 respectively;

(b) whether it is a fact that the management of CSD has re-interpreted various rules and conditions in its books which are detrimental to the small scale sector;

(c) whether there is any hidden agenda to reduce the role played by the small scale sector in seeking to enhance its participation in the various activities of CSD;

(d) whether it is a fact that the present management of CSD has treated with contempt all representations and request by the small scale units and the tiny sector to obtain a just and fair role; and

(e) what directions will be given to the Canteen Stores Deptt. to place some emphasis in restoring earlier facilities given to the tiny sector and small scale sector in the issue of stiffening of financial conditions when supplying goods and items?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) The Canteen Stores Deptt. (CSD) earned profits during 1991-92 and 1992-93 as per details given below:—

1991-92	—	Rs. 27.58 crores
1992-93 (Unaudited)	—	Rs. 43.20 crores

(b) No, Sir.

(c) No, Sir.